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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1921. No Building Loan Bludgeon. The Lockwood committee ought to have power enough to expose whatever artificial, vicious or illegal conditions and practices hamper honest building enterprises.

Runaway Dreyer 584. In the time it takes for a refreshed business man to reach from his third cup of coffee to the sun-bowl, the mess of gas familiarly known to science as Nebula Dreyer 584 is shooting 1,750 miles. It is going away from the earth faster than any celestial thing ever moved before.

Consider the Hen. This week, with eggs selling at \$1 a dozen, the once humble hen is engaging the attention of the metropolitan public in Madison Square Garden. Many who have hitherto had no more intimate acquaintance with this useful fowl than through the medium of the breakfast table are seeking information from the experts in charge of the poultry show or at the best strains for meat or egg production, or of the type like the Rhode Island Red, which is a happy combination of both classes.

Two Royal Weddings. The approaching marriages of princesses of the Greek and Rumanian royal families will be the first weddings of members of European reigning houses since the world war began. According to a recent announcement the Rumanian Crown Prince Carol and Princess Helen, the oldest daughter of Constantine of Greece, will be married at Athens the last of this month, and the Duke of Sparta, Constantine's oldest son, and Princess Elizabeth of Rumania will be wed at Bucharest early in February.

Public Documents. In its treatment of public documents the Federal Government has for generations been guilty of folly in two ways. It has preserved papers of no conceivable value to anybody, and it has neglected to provide modern, fire resisting, vermin proof buildings for the records which are worth safeguarding. There have been a number of serious losses through fire, and damage by rats and mice and from dampness.

Education in Peru. Peru's decision to turn to the United States for assistance in the reorganization of its educational system is a gratifying indication of the more intimate intellectual cooperation that has begun to characterize our intercourse with Latin America. Twenty educators from this country have been engaged to supervise the activities planned in accordance with a law enacted last year by the Peruvian Congress and now being put into execution.

thousands of tons of public papers and documents" which accumulated during the war and subsequently. Doubtless some of these papers are worth saving, but most of them are of no use to anybody. Yet unless the selection of those which should be kept is made now, and the others are thrown away, the whole lot will soon develop into a sacred charge on the public.

The Government should save only necessary, irreplaceable, unique documents beyond the term of their immediate usefulness. The great mass of its papers should be sold for waste as soon as the statute of limitations has run against their authors.

A Berlin-German Partnership? Berlin reports, as related by The New York Herald's bureau, are that the German Government has agreed to French proposals for a repatriation settlement with the Allies. The sum and substance of the arrangement, as we got it, is that France is to benefit enormously by having a sort of first call on German trade. This would be not unlike the old trade treaty relationship between the Kaiser's empire and the Czar's.

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has been divided into administrative areas, each of which will be under the supervision of an educator of recognized ability. Facilities have been provided for the essential work of training Peruvian teachers along modern pedagogical lines. New school houses will be built in the rural districts on the latest scientific plans followed in the United States.

Provision has been made for new technical schools. One of these is a College of Commerce in Lima, which will be organized on practical lines and associated intimately with the business and industrial interests of the republic. Its academic standing may be judged from the fact that arrangements are already being made for its affiliation with some of the prominent university schools of commercial education in this country and for the interchange of students and instructors. It will be the first typical American school of business to be established in South America.

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Kipling Did Not Know. He Referred to Omar Khayyam an Inquiry About the Seven Seas.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: In regard to the origin of the phrase "the seven seas" I wrote to Mr. Kipling several years ago after failing to find any reference to the phrase in either of the Kipling dictionaries and received the following reply:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 1st inst. has been received and Mr. Kipling asks me to say in reply that the expression in question is a very old one. It occurs, he believes, in the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. Faithfully yours, M. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

It would seem, therefore, that the origin of the phrase is still to be determined. JOHN A. TULLOCH, Providence, R. I., January 20.

Geography of the Poets.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: I have followed what has been written concerning Kipling's reference to the seven seas and I do not believe that he or any one else knows what he meant by the term.

A sea is a sea and an ocean is an ocean. It also makes a difference whether we are using ancient or modern language. The ancients did not know of as many oceans and seas as we do, and the term the seven seas may be as old as the hills. It seems a great deal like asking "How old is Ann?" As poetic license it is probably permissible.

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Mengelberg Leads a Beethoven Concert Daily Calendar.

Work of National Symphony Orchestra Under New Leader in "Egmont" Overture Shows Improvement.

Willen Mengelberg and the National Symphony Orchestra offered a Beethoven program yesterday afternoon in Carnegie Hall. The numbers were the "Egmont" overture, the C minor piano concerto and the seventh symphony. The general impression left was that the short period during which Mr. Mengelberg has been the conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra it has become evident that changes in method were going forward and that results were becoming apparent. Yesterday afternoon's concert made these matters clearer than before.

It is a concerto of clarity, of smooth melody, of serious charm. It shows forth the later Beethoven, and indeed the prime theme of the first movement reveals him in much of his aggressive strength. Mr. Levitzki had certainly studied the music with affection as well as insight. He played it with exquisite care, a tone, with sufficient energy in the bolder parts, and with elegance and sentiment elsewhere. It was a very well considered performance, showing a nice appreciation of style.

Mr. Mengelberg's labors with the orchestra have improved the balance of tone and consequently have bettered the general impression left. A great deal when the wind chimes play separately, or solo passages among them are prominent, a certain rawness is still discernible. Without doubt a complete elimination of these faults is to be expected of any conductor. The crudeness of quality is inherent in the material, and while improvement can be made, perfection cannot be reached.

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Hamburg Trio's Concert.

The Hamburg Trio, first heard here last season, gave a concert in Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. The members were Jan Hambourg, violin; Boris Hambourg, cello; and Alberto Guerrero, piano. In Schumann's fine trio in F, opus 50, and a one movement trio in E minor, No. 2, written in an able, delicate and original style by John Ireland, the players' performance sometimes lacked smoothness, but had good balance and spirit. Their performance was done in a good and admirable dignity of style, the song cycle "Dichterliebe" of Schumann. George Reeves gave skilful accompaniments.

Philharmonic's Concert.

At the Philharmonic's regular concert in Carnegie Hall last night Leo Scholz, the society's first cellist, was the soloist, playing Schumann's Concerto, opus 129. It is not a great work and is seldom heard, but the music is pleasing. It was performed by Mr. Scholz with his accustomed mellow tone and fine feeling. He had good support from the orchestra.

The Crux.

What is the Vedind to him, Andromeda's admirer? What Karnak or the Anankim, Persephone or Amphitrite? What cares he for the Grecian ode, Menander, Socrates or Lucian, The Rhodian or Justinian code, The Jacobite or Rostkerian?

Forests Need Protection.

The New York State Forestry Association also favored a tax law deferring the tax burden on growing timber until harvest. This legislation also passed both houses of the Legislature during Governor Whitman's administration, but the bill failed to receive his signature.

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THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Partly cloudy to-day; to-morrow unsettled; fresh southwest winds. For New Jersey—Partly cloudy and warmer to-day; to-morrow unsettled; fresh southwest winds. For Northern New England—Partly cloudy to-day; warmer in Maine; to-morrow unsettled and somewhat cold; fresh westerly wind.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The pressure is high but falling in the Eastern States; low over narrow belt, extending from the upper Mississippi Valley southwestward to Texas. High and rising in the West and in the Northern States. The temperature has fallen in the West and in the Mississippi Valley and it has changed little in other parts of the country.

TEMPERATURE RECORDS FOR THE WEEK: The temperature was decidedly above normal in all interior districts east of the Rocky Mountains. It was below normal in the West and in the Northern States from the great lakes eastward and to-morrow and Saturday.

Table with columns: Stations, High, Low, Meter, etc. Lists weather conditions for various cities like New York, Albany, Buffalo, etc.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

Table with columns: Barometer, Humidity, Wind-direction, etc. Lists local weather data for New York City.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

N. W. Howell, former president of the Canadian Furs Co. and Henry W. Tait will speak at a dinner of the Canadian Club at 7 o'clock at the Waldorf-Astoria.

JAP COMMANDER AT FUNERAL OF LANGDON.

Military Honor for Lieutenant Slain by Sentry. VLASTOVOTOK, Jan. 18.—A military funeral for Lieut. Warren H. Langdon, U. S. N., was held to-day in the Y. M. C. A. Building.

TEXAS CALLS WATTERSON.

Legislature Would Learn How to Recover Lost State Rights. AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 20.—By unanimous vote the Senate to-day adopted a House concurrent resolution inviting Col. Henry Watterson of Kentucky to address the Texas Legislature.

ST. FRANCIS CENTENARY 1926.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Pope Benedict has made public an encyclical letter inviting the Christian world to solemnize in 1926 the centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Order of St. Francis, says a Central News Association dispatch from Rome.